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Trail of the Lonesome Pine.

The following was written by Clifford Smith, of this place, and appeared in the Bristol Herald Courier on last Saturday:

In the Wednesday issue of the Herald Courier you published an article on scenes and characters of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine." In the most part it is correct, but there were a few mistakes, and some other features that were omitted.

The article mentions that when John Fox was speaking of the "Gap" he meant Wise. The setting of the "Gap" is Big Stone Gap.

The story speaks of our old "Dummy." It also speaks of Imboden Hill, the old school house that June attended, the boardinghouse, the saloon, Poplar Hill and Jack Hale's office. Every one of these may be seen in Big Stone Gap today. Even the old dummy coaches are here yet.

When Hale brought June to the Gap, he pointed out places of interest to her. He showed her Bee Rock and told her the story of how it got its name.

There were several bee trees on the rock. The mountaineers wanted the honey, but they were robbed by the bears. A moonshiner spikes some honey with liquor and places it on the rock. The bears get drunk and the moonshiner got the honey after that. (It seems that bears are not as fond of moonshine as men are.) After that the rock became "Bee Rock."

Does anyone say that Bee Rock is anywhere but in the gap, between Appalachia and Big Stone Gap?

It is true, Mr. Fox has used on more than one occasion an author's privilege of making a single character or scene from a composition of several. The actual trial of Talt Hall, at Wise, is represented as the trial of Rufe Tolliver at the "Gap." This explains the error of calling the "Gap" Wise.

Another interesting character is Jack Hale. Again Mr. Fox has used his privilege. Hale is a composition of several men of the "Gap"—of the old "Police Guard," Mr. Jimmy Hodge, geologist, of Big Stone Gap, brought a mountain girl to the Gap back in the "boom" days. This girl and Mr. Hodge furnished the characters, June and Jack Hale. But the personality of Hale is not that of Mr. Hodge, but that of several old citizens of Big Stone Gap. I believe John Fox himself contributes traits to the character of Hale.

Every man that contributed to this character was a member of the famous old Police Guard, which is another discarded relic of our town.

W. CLIFFORD SMITH.

In the delectable days of July and August we may speak of the sunny suns of summer with a full realization that they are sunny.

When a fellow is young he wants to be old, and when he is old he wants to be young, and when he is half way between the Lord only knows what he wants.

If, as some think, America is to eventually take over the administering of affairs in Turkey, we suggest Messrs. Dempsey and Willard as most excellent timber for the front ranks of our army in the land of the sultan. Their prowess might prove of some practical value to their country.

DEATH OF R. M. VICARS

R. M. Vicars, prominent merchant of Coeburn, Va., died at his home in that city at 10:30 Sunday morning, July 13th of bright's disease, according to advices received in Bristol yesterday evening. The funeral services were conducted from the home of his brother, A. M. Vicars, Monday afternoon. Interment was in the family cemetery at Wise.

Mr. Vicars had been during the past twelve years the proprietor of a wholesale feed business, and was well known in that section. He has a number of friends at both Wise and Coeburn, and hundreds attended the funeral services. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, and stores and banks of the two cities suspended business during the funeral services.

He is survived by three brothers, A. M. Vicars and O. M. Vicars, prominent lawyers of Wise, Va., and Dr. J. W. Vicars, a practicing physician of Pikeville, Ky. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Craft, pastor of the Baptist church, of Norton, Va., and Rev. M. P. Carico, presiding elder of the Wise district of the Southern Methodist church.

Mr. Vicars had been ill one week, and his sudden death was generally greeted as an unexpected thing. He was one of the best known men in Wise county, having been popular as one of the leading citizens of his city.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Standing of the League.

Big Stone Gap	W. L. Pct.
Stonewall	1 0 1000
Keokee	1 0 1000
Dorchester	2 0 1000
Wise	1 1 200
Norton	0 2 000

OTHER GAMES

In the game at Norton Saturday Keokee defeated Norton in a very one-sided game by a score 17 to 0, while Dorchester defeated Wise in a ten inning contest, the score being 6 to 5.

Colored Teams Play at Norton.

The Middlesboro colored baseball team played a three game series with Norton on the latter's grounds last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, which resulted in Norton winning two games and Middlesboro one. The Norton team consisted mostly of Big Stone Gap players.

Boost Your Town to Boost Your Business.

Mr. R. H. Camps, of the American Radiator Company, was in the Gap Thursday the 17th starting their big fall publicity for their boilers and radiators and heating appliances and has secured a list of the names of the most progressive citizens in the whole county.

Mr. Camps tells W. G. Coutts that their firm are doubling their efforts at publicity this year and they are urging every live plumber to get in the nation wide publicity movement and double up on publicity over any previous effort.

Mr. Camps is strong on this boost your town to boost your business and picks out the iron industry as Big Stone's best bet for the manufacture of boilers and radiators or a steel mill. He could not think of any community offering greater opportunities and being the nearest large coal and iron center to the coast and the trade of the whole world. He urged Mr. Coutts to bring this fact to the attention of the recognized leaders of Big Stone Gap.—adv.

Corporal Clarence V. Reed, son of Rufus Reed, of Gate City, arrived home Wednesday. He volunteered with the Big Stone Gap company and saw most heroic service in France. For the past six months he was stationed at Paris as a member of President Wilson's special guard, which was quite an honor for a Scott county boy. He came over on the George Washington with the President.—Gate City Herald.

War Orphans of France Dying from Malnutrition and Shock.

The children of France have not yet emerged from the shadow of the war. With peace assured, and a happier future opening before them, it becomes increasingly evident that the child life of France has suffered a shock from which it is difficult to rally; while the birthrate has dropped to 8 to each 1,000 population.

The Fatherless Children of France, an American organization co-operating with a similar one in Paris of which, Marshal Joffre is the head, reports that of the children receiving American aid to the extent of 10 cents a day under its plan of securing American godmothers for the little French war orphans, its records show an average of 700 children's deaths per month since the armistice. The help of the American godmothers came too late to save these undernourished, nerve-shocked little ones.

Mrs. Walter S. Brewster, of Chicago, vice-chairman of the Fatherless Children of France, has been appointed chairman of a campaign to secure American aid for the 60,000 little war orphans whose names were on the lists of the organization as "unadopted" before the signing of the armistice. Ten cents will care for a child for an entire day; \$3.00 for a month; while for \$36.50 a year the donor may select a child from the lists at the organization's headquarters and be placed in correspondence with it. To adopt a child or make a donation write for information to Mrs. Walter S. Brewster, Room 634, 110 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

W. D. Smith, Jr., who is an able assistant on the editorial staff of the Chicago American, spent several days in the Gap last week visiting friends. He is also visiting relatives at Gate City, being the son of W. D. Smith, superintendent of schools of Scott County. Mr. Smith will return to Chicago in about two weeks.

George Hurd, who has been with the American Expeditionary Forces in France for the past two years, arrived in the Gap Friday night to spend a furlough of two months with relatives. George was among the very first Americans boys to go across the sea and has received several citations for bravery in action. He is a son of the late Houston Hurd, who died about six months ago.

Hubert Potter, one of Big Stone Gap's star infielders, was unable to play ball Saturday as a result of being poisoned while out picking berries last week. Luckily the game was postponed on account of the rain and it is thought he will be able to play within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Morrison, Miss Gregory and Miss Mae Mannus, motored to Gap Sunday from Pineville, Ky., and took dinner at the Monte Vista Hotel. They also visited Norton in the afternoon after which they returned home. This being their first visit to this section of Virginia, they were greatly impressed by the beautiful mountain scenery.

Mr. Peabody, of Chicago, president of the Peabody Coal Company, together with a number of the officials of the Peabody Coal Company and Peoples Gas Company, of Chicago, spent a few days in this section last week. They made the trip in Mr. Peabody's private car. They visited a number of the collieries of the Stonewall Coke and Coal Company.

Louie Pickrel arrived in town last Friday night to take up his position as catcher for the local baseball team. Mr. Pickrel has been located at Youngstown, Ohio, for the past two years, with the exception of a few months service in the army, where he has been practicing law, being assistant prosecuting attorney. He played ball here about three years ago and ranked among the best catchers in the league, and his appearance again has greatly pleased local fans.

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Yours for service,
J. H. CATRON, President.

Leland H. Smith, who has been with the American Expeditionary Forces in France and Germany for the past two years arrived in the states the 7th of July, being honorably discharged at Camp Meade, spent a few days the past week in the Gap visiting friends. Leland was among the first of Uncle Sam's boys to land on French soil, being in the 2nd Cavalry and received several citations for bravery in action. He will leave tonight (Wednesday) for Washington, D. C., where he has accepted a position in the Southern Railway shops at that place.

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J. W. KELLY, Admr.,
29-30 Big Stone Gap, Va.


NOTICE!

Automobile License Tax on private and passenger cars in Big Stone Gap for year 1919-20, beginning July 1st, is now due and must be paid at once. The rate is 25 cents per horsepower. Call and settle amount of tax and get tag.
P. H. KENNEDY, Treasurer.

SCHEDULE OF THE
COAL FIELDS LEAGUE

Summer, 1919.

JULY 26th
Dorchester vs. Wise at Dorchester
Stonewall vs. R. S. G. at Stonewall
Keokee vs. Norton at Keokee
AUGUST 2
Wise vs. Keokee at Wise
Dorchester vs. Stonewall at Dorchester
R. S. G. vs. Norton at Big Stone Gap
AUGUST 9th
Wise vs. Stonewall at Wise
Norton vs. Dorchester at Norton
Keokee vs. Big Stone Gap at Keokee
AUGUST 16th
Norton vs. Wise at Norton
Stonewall vs. Dorchester at Stonewall
R. S. G. vs. Keokee at Big Stone Gap
AUGUST 23rd
Wise vs. Norton at Wise
R. S. G. vs. Dorchester at Big Stone Gap
Keokee vs. Stonewall at Keokee
AUGUST 30th
Norton vs. Big Stone Gap at Norton
Dorchester vs. Keokee at Dorchester
Stonewall vs. Wise at Stonewall
SEPTEMBER 6th
Norton vs. Stonewall at Norton
R. S. G. vs. Wise at Big Stone Gap
Keokee vs. Dorchester at Keokee
SEPTEMBER 13th
Wise vs. Big Stone Gap at Wise
Dorchester vs. Norton at Dorchester
Stonewall vs. Keokee at Stonewall



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